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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, WZ

SUBJECT: LOS: BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH SWAZILAND,
28 FEB 75

1. SUMMARY. GOS NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO SEND THREE-MAN DELEGATION
TO LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, ALTHOUGH ITS COMPOSITION IS STILL
UNDICED. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY LBS OFFICER ROBERT PRINGLE MET WITH NEWLY
ARRIVED LEGAL ADVISOR AT GOS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
V. KHRISNADASAN, ON FEB. 28, 1975. KHRISNADASN SAID THAT
DESPITE THE HEAVY COST, HE BELIEVED GOS WOULD SEND A DELE-
GATION TO FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LOS SINCE
SWAZILAND HAD PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER SUCH CONFERENCE.

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ALTHOUGH GOS HAS NOT YET DESIGNATED ITS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR,

HE EXPECTED IT TO BE EITHER N.M. MALINGA, GOS PERMREP TO U.N., OR J.G. FAKUDZE, GOS HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON. KHRISNADASAN IS TRYING TO PERSUADE GOS TO APPOINT TWO OTHER DELEGATES SO THAT SWAZILAND CAN BE REPRESENTED ON ALL KEY COMMITTEES. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF GOS DELEGATION AS SOON AS THESE QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED.

3. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, KHRISNADASAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USG POSITION ON UTILIZATION OF WEALTH OF THE OCEANS. EMBOFF OUTLINED U.S. POLICY AND HAS PROVIDED KHRISNADASN WITH BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON THIS AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

4. COMMENT. CONSULTATIONS WERE VERY CORDIAL, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES KHRISNADASAN IS PREPARED TO PLAY HELPFUL ROLE IN EXPLAINING COMPLICATED LOS ISSUES TO GOS POLICY-MAKERS. KHRISNADASAN IS CEYLONESE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN SWAZILAND AFTER NINE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITION WITH ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE PARTICIPATED IN LOS LEGAL RESEARCH FOR THE GOZ AND SEEMS INTERESTED IN AND APPRECIATIVE OF U.S. POSITION OF LOS MATTERS.

5. FOR DEPT. PLEASE INSURE THAT MBABANE IS ADDRESSEE FOR LATEST MATERIALS ON USG POSITION ON LOS ISSUES/

6. FOR LUSAKA. SINCE KHRISNADASAN IS LIKELY TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DETERMINATION OF GOS POSITION ON LOS MATTERS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU CAN PROVIDE ON NATURE OF HIS ROLE IN ZAMBIA.
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